- Mr. Callahan - Mr. Adams 1 - Mr. Gallagher

The Attorney General

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- Mr. O'Connell Peelman Lawn - Mr. Wannall Mr. Moore

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Attached is a copy of a letter and envelope with enclosure dated December 15, 1975, received by this Bureau from James Rarl Ray.

In his letter, Ray requests that no evidence or potential evidence be destroyed by the FBI or by the Department pending a decision on Ray's appeal before the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

For your information, all physical evidence acquired by this Bureau during the course of this investi gation was turned over to Tennessee authorities in October, 1968, pursuant to Departmental instructions received by this Bureau on October 24, 1968.

Receipt of Ray's letter has been acknowledged by this Bureau.

Enclosures (3)

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General Enclosures (3)
- 1 Assistant Attorney General Enclosures (3) Civil Rights Division
- 1 Assistant Attorney General Enclosures (3) Criminal Division

See cover memorandum J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher dated 12/24/75, captioned Dep. AD Adm. _ "MURKIN". MAILED 7 Dop. AD Inv. ... Asst. Dir.c DEC 2 9 1975 44-38861 Admin. Est. Affairs